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Report Highlights:

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Trade

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Total exports of beans and pulses in the first 7 months of 2010 (Jan-Jul) also declined significantly by 48 percent from 1,165,794 mt in 2009 to 602,080 mt in 2010.

Inactive buying from exporters led domestic prices for beans and pulses to soften in July. Only 2,000 Matpe ready cargo and 500 mt of Matpe special quality were traded at Bayint Naung wholesale market.

Table 1: Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in July 2010 (MT)

	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
Australia				48	23	71
Belgium				92		92
China ^y			12,454			12,454
Germany		20	23		48	91
Hong Kong					22	22
India		36,814	3,470	3,730	2,781	46,795
Indonesia		24	48		43	115
Japan	380	667	46		41	1,134
Kuwait					31	31
Malaysia	72	216	48	364		700
Mauritius				24		24
New Zealand					47	47
Pakistan		3,248			408	3,656
Russia	24				239	263
Saudi Arabia		47	48			95
Singapore		133	247	48	142	570
Sri Lanka		48	48			96
Thailand ^y		2,127	48		750	2,925
UAE		1,109	239	510	144	2,002
UK		24	71			95
Vietnam		192	720			912
Total	476	44,669	17,510	4,816	4,719	72,190
Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram,						
brown beans						
Source: The Commerce Ministry Journal						
^y The figures include border trade of 12,286 mt; 12,810 mt of mung beans to China, and 524						
mt of other beans to Thailand.						

Table 2: Monthly Export of Beans and Pulses

	2009		2010	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	192,619	192,619	64,576	64,576
February	169,236	361,855	125,428	190,004
March	206,703	568,558	133,315	323,319
April	82,743	651,301	57,379	380,698
May	74,501	725,802	69,025	449,723
June	321,187	1,046,989	79,447	529,170
July	118,805	1,165,794	72,910	602,080
August	70,334	1,236,128		
September	63,216	1,299,344		
October	116,089	1,415,433		
November	70,899	1,486,332		
December	49,867	1,536,199		

Export prospects

Prevailing strong Burmese currency has limited competitiveness in exports in overall. Being aware of inactive demand and afraid that continued strong currency rates may cause losses, exporters were reluctant to conclude new export transactions.

End of Report.